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### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

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The Calaveras OHV deputies are responsible for proactively and reactively enforcing OHV laws, specifically in the Arnold Interface OHV Routes, and areas in Calaveras County that are utilized for OHV recreation or suffer from unlawful OHV usage.

For the past several years, the Sheriff's Department had provided the OHV law enforcement services by patrolling in marked department vehicles, focusing on deterring illegal riding to reduce the number of violations and lessen the environmental damage. Minimizing the negative impact will promote continued use of the approved trail system. The Arnold Interface was a case in point, having been closed due to illegal trails and OHV trespassing onto private property and improved roadways. The OHV Deputies conducted numerous patrol hours in the closed area, providing educational information and citations to citizens who continue to ride in the restricted and surrounding areas. Subsequently the number of citizen complaints regarding illegal OHV use has dropped significantly however, there is still illegal usage due in part to the illegal trails that had become etched into the forest floor. In the summer, it is not uncommon for the Calaveras OHV deputies to be the only law enforcement representatives in the listed patrol areas. Without the OHV deputy's presence, OHV users would have little or no law enforcement contact, leaving a great opportunity for resource damage and creating unapproved trails.

The Sheriff's Department has and will use its OHV equipment appropriately. By utilizing the knowledge of both the full time and extra hire deputies, the department is able to save money by having most of the routine maintenance done without expensive dealer costs. Two pieces of equipment were purchased from non-OHV trust funds during 2006 totaling approximately \$18,000.00. The equipment is used along with equipment purchased with OHV trust monies.

All operators are trained in the proper use and care of the equipment. They are required to demonstrate equipment use, wear proper protective clothing and carry survival and medical emergency supplies. The extra hire and full time deputy offer multiple training sessions per year to both the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team and allied law enforcement agencies. The deputies were scheduled to instruct at an annual Search and Rescue Training event that would have instructed persons from various parts of California however, calls for service did not allow them to attend. They have been rescheduled this year and are expected to train 150-250 Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement person at this one event.

The deputies will enforce all laws. The deputy will respond to accidents, medical emergencies and Search and Rescue operations which relate to OHV; the designated OHV patrol vehicle is equipped as a general patrol vehicle. During the 2007/2008 grant, the full time and extra hire deputy were specifically requested by other counties to assist in Search and Rescue operations. The OHV deputies will maintain clear lines of communication with private property owners, allowing them to work with these landowners to reduce trespass by OHV enthusiasts. The Sheriff's Department had entered into a Memo of Understanding with Sierra Pacific Industries, the counties largest private landowner, regarding trespassers. To maintain these communication channels, the OHV deputies will attend homeowner, community, or other meetings relevant to the Departments goal of sustaining long-term recreation. The Sheriff's Department is dedicated to the OHV program as evidenced by sustaining it's OHV program during times of uncertain funding at the start of 2006, 2007 and 2008. The department has been fiscally responsible during previous years and has maintained successful ongoing programs. The department ensures that each payment request is complete with all forms of documentation.

### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The following is a description of project coverage areas.

ROUTES AVAILABLE OHV

- Total miles of routes currently available for OHV recreation: 950
- ATV's (green/red sticker) 16
- Motorcycles (Green/red and street legal) 25
- Four Wheeled vehicles other than listed above 32
- Street legal vehicles only (registered for highway) 16.3

ACKERAGE AVAILABLE TO OHV

1000 square miles

This does not include illegal trails or private property that is open to the public that have OHV opportunity.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

FREQUENCY OF PATROLS.

The deputies will primarily patrol five or more days a week with extra deputies during holidays and special events. The hours will be flexible to match the existing usage trend by OHV visitors in the lower interface.

**ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

NUMBER OF OFFICERS

The Calaveras County Sheriff Department will be seeking funding for one full time and one extra hire. The use of an extra hire deputy is a tactic used by the Calaveras County Sheriff Department to reduce the total cost of the Lower Interface OHV program. Volunteers from the Search and Rescue Team will accompany deputies to assist with posting signs, searching for lost OHV users and trail repairs. The volunteers further lower the total cost of the program.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The Arnold Interface is a case in point, having been closed due to illegal trails and OHV trespassing onto private property and improved roadways. Complaints regarding the illegal usage of OHV vehicles has dropped however, there continued illegal usage.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The OHV deputy will provide OHV users with maps and educate them where OHV opportunities exist in the county. Providing information and maps will minimize complaints, possible closure of existing trails and environmental damage.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The existing OHV deputies meet with neighboring county officials and other jurisdictions in county regarding OHV usage. The deputies also train other deputies and Search and Rescue persons in laws and usage of OHV vehicles.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

None occurring.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All operators are trained in the proper use and care of the equipment. They are required to demonstrate equipment use, wear proper protective clothing and carry emergency supplies, both survival and medical. The OHV deputies offer multiple training sessions per year to both the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team and allied law enforcement agencies. This year the OHV deputy is expected to train 150-250 Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement persons from around the State.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The deputies meet with Federal representatives to discuss OHV related topics and occasionally conducts patrols, mostly during OSV activities.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The in-lieu funds are being used by the road department for roads leading to and from OHV areas. This allows for greater access of the OHV opportunities

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

N/A

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: Calaveras County Sheriff's Department  
Application: Law Enforcement, Lower interface

6/2/2009

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<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement, Lower interface	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department is requesting funds to continue its OHV lower interface program. The funding received will allow the Sheriff's Department to continue to utilize (1) fulltime OHV deputy and (1) extra hire OHV deputy. An extra hire deputy is used to accompany the full time OHV deputy on the weekends and during times of heavy usage. This allows the department to safely deploy the OHV deputies while saving money. With a greater degree of officer/public safety, the deputies can access extremely remote areas thus offering additional law enforcement coverage for those participating in OHV activities in the Stanislaus National Forest, Lower Interface and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The Calaveras OHV deputies are responsible for proactively and reactively enforcing OHV laws, specifically in the Arnold Interface OHV Routes, and areas in Calaveras County that are utilized for OHV recreation or suffer from unlawful OHV usage.</p> <p>For the past several years, the Sheriff's Department had provided the OHV law enforcement services by patrolling in marked department vehicles, focusing on deterring illegal riding to reduce the number of violations and lessen the environmental damage. Minimizing the negative impact will promote continued use of the approved trail system. The Arnold Interface was a case in point, having been closed due to illegal trails and OHV trespassing onto private property and improved roadways. The OHV Deputies conducted numerous patrol hours in the closed area, providing educational information and citations to citizens who continue to ride in the restricted and surrounding areas. Subsequently the number of citizen complaints regarding illegal OHV use has dropped significantly however, there is still illegal usage due in part to the illegal trails that had become etched into the forest floor. In the summer, it is not uncommon for the Calaveras OHV deputies to be the only law enforcement representatives in the listed patrol areas. Without the OHV deputy's presence, OHV users would have little or no law enforcement contact, leaving a great opportunity for resource damage and creating unapproved trails.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department has and will use its OHV equipment appropriately. By utilizing the knowledge of both the full time and extra hire deputies, the department is able to save money by having most of the routine maintenance done without expensive dealer costs. Two pieces of equipment were purchased from non-OHV trust funds during 2006 totaling approximately \$18,000.00. The equipment is used along with equipment purchased with OHV trust monies.</p> <p>All operators are trained in the proper use and care of the equipment. They are required to demonstrate equipment use, wear proper protective clothing and carry survival and medical emergency supplies. The extra hire and full time deputy offer multiple training sessions per year to both the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team and allied law enforcement agencies. The deputies were scheduled to instruct at an annual Search and Rescue Training event that would have instructed persons from various parts of California however, calls for service did not allow them to attend. They have been rescheduled this year and area expected to train 150-250 Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement person at this one event.</p> <p>The deputies will enforce all laws. The deputy will respond to accidents, medical emergencies and Search and Rescue operations which relate to OHV; the designated OHV patrol vehicle is equipped as a general patrol vehicle. During the 2007/2008 grant, the full time and extra hire deputy were specifically requested by other counties to assist in Search and Rescue operations. The OHV deputies will maintain clear lines of communication with private property owners, allowing them to work with these landowners to reduce trespass by OHV enthusiasts. The Sheriff's Department had entered into a Memo of Understanding with Sierra Pacific Industries, the counties largest private landowner, regarding trespassers. To maintain these communication channels, the OHV deputies will attend homeowner, community, or other meetings relevant to the Departments goal of sustaining long-term recreation. The Sheriff's Department is dedicated to the OHV program as evidenced by sustaining it's OHV program during times of uncertain funding at the start of 2006, 2007 and 2008. The department has been fiscally responsible during previous years and has maintained successful ongoing programs. The department ensures that each payment request is complete with all forms of documentation.</p>		

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Law Enforcement Officers	1100.000	42.570	HRS	35,120.00	11,707.00	46,827.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	600.000	24.190	HRS	10,885.00	3,629.00	14,514.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				46,005.00	15,336.00	61,341.00
2	<b>Contracts</b>						
3	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
4	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Other-4X4 ATV	1.000	6800.000	EA	5,100.00	1,700.00	6,800.00
6	<b>Others</b>						
7	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					51,105.00	17,036.00	68,141.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					51,105.00	17,036.00	68,141.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>51,105.00</b>	<b>17,036.00</b>	<b>68,141.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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6/2/2009

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	46,005.00	15,336.00	61,341.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	5,100.00	1,700.00	6,800.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**